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Governor Chiles presents Heartland Award to Homer and Dolly Hand

By Brenda Bunting
Editor

Belle Glade philanthropic couple Homer and Dolly Hand were honored May 22 with the Heartland Award. Governor Lawton Chiles and first lady Rhea Chiles presented the award to the Hands during a luncheon at the cultural arts center named for Mrs. Hand.

"We stand in this building today and we know their commitment to education," Gov. Chiles said. He noted the contributions the Hands have made to the Belle Glade community, including donations to youth groups, a laser fingerprinter for the Belle Glade Police Department and scholarships to needy students.

The Hands were surprised by the presentation, believing they were invited to the luncheon in honor of Gov. and Mrs. Chiles. They received the first print of a painting by Mrs. Chiles titled "Myakka River." The print will be given to a select few in Florida who exemplify long term commitment and service to communities.

Dolly Hand is a former Palm Beach Community College board member. She worked tirelessly to get a community

college in the Glades and helped to establish the cultural arts center in the 1980s, lobbying for funding and also helping with fundraisers. The Hands also helped establish the Belle Glade Municipal Library and give time and money to the American Red Cross and sit on the board of the Black Gold Jubilee Committee. Both, at different times, have been given Belle Glade's highest honor, Citizen of the Year, by the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce.

Homer currently sits on the PBCC board of directors and is the past chairman. A real estate developer, he serves on city and county boards.

Dolly was chosen last year to carry the Olympic Torch in Palm Beach County during its trip across the country after being recognized as a community hero and is in the Florida Women's Hall of Fame.

"This is certainly a surprise," said an emotional Dolly Hand to an audience of over 200. "What is the best thing about living in Belle Glade?" she asked. "You are...the Glades," she said, gesturing to the audience. "You are what makes it so wonderful to live here."



HANDS RECEIVE FIRST HEARLAND AWARD...Homer and Dolly Hand (R) were the first recipients of the Heartland Award, an award to recognize "people who exemplify long-term commitment and service to communities." Gov. and Mrs. Chiles presented the award to the Hands at a luncheon May 22.

Local high schools announce graduation exercises

Glades Central Community High School, Glades Day School and Pahokee High School's commencement and baccalaureate exercises are coming up soon and the graduating seniors and staffs are looking forward to seeing the familiar faces of the community there.

Glades Central Community High School will hold its baccalaureate services Sunday, June 1, 1997 at the Glades Central Gymnasium. Graduation exercises will be held June 6, 1997 at 7 p.m. in the Glades Central Gymnasium. Principal, Dr. Effie Grear will be handing out the diplomas.

Glades Day School held its baccalaureate services at

Community United Methodist Church in Belle Glade Wednesday, May 28 at 8 p.m. Rev. Rod Ruby, pastor of Lake Harbor Methodist Church, was the guest speaker.

Glades Day's commencement exercises will be held at Glades Day School's Gator Field on Friday, May 30, 1997 at 8 p.m. Diplomas will be presented by Mr. Buddy Sizemore, Headmaster of Glades Day.

Pahokee High School will hold its baccalaureate services today at 7 p.m. in the Pahokee High School Auditorium. Commencement exercises will be held Saturday, June 7, 1997 at 3 p.m. in the Pahokee High School Gymnasium.



STAND BACK...The Belle Glade Fire Department recently received two defibrillators to use during emergency situations. Many times, fire department personnel are the first on scene at an accident or 9-1-1 call and the new equipment many help save lives. Joe Rossi, an instructor from South Technical Education Center taught a two hour course Tuesday for firefighters to learn procedures for using the defibrillators. Belle Glade has 17 paid firefighter and 20 volunteers who will eventually be trained. The equipment, costing almost \$3,000 each, was purchased through SurvivalLink with an Emergency Medical Service grant. Shown (L-R) are firefighter Will Weeks, Administrative Secretary Eleanor Crawford and Firefighter/EMT Scott Donaldson.

Green Market may be the answer for small farmers

By Brenda Bunting
Editor

Coastal residents often ask where they can buy fresh produce in the Glades. The answer will be coming soon, if a local organization has its way.

The Glades Green Market Group, sponsored by the Glades Development Corporation's Glades Guild, will be opening a farmer's market Oct. 25, 1997 in front of the old Glades Central Community High School. Chair Nate Leah Nachman said other markets in the county have been successful and she sees great potential for small farmers to benefit from a market in the Glades.

"The market has the

potential to expand and there is an opportunity here for everyone," she said.

Cheree Bowens with the City of Belle Glade has agreed to handle the licensing paperwork needed to start the green market and Virginia Martin with GDCDC will coordinate the by-laws for the organization.

The committee hopes to involve local arts and crafts which are vendor made. They also want to encourage individuals and groups to start growing produce on small vacant lots throughout the city to sell at the market.

"To me, there's no greater pleasure than growing vegetables and plants," said Austin

Kaulerson, board member and ag teacher at Gove Elementary. "Most people who do grow produce have an excess. This is also the move of the future for small farmers," he noted.

Mrs. Nachman said a lot of the locally grown produce is sent to Tampa for packaging and then comes back to the Glades for sale. "It's a week old by that time," she said. "This will be fresh produce we will be offering here."

The Glades Green Market Group will meet again June 3 at 12:30 p.m. at Rosewald Elementary School. Anyone interested in participating should contact Mrs. Nachman at 996-5303.



NOT JUST A VACANT LOT...It may seem like weeds, but this vacant lot in the SW section of Belle Glade is being used to grow Cassava, a potato-like tuber that has barren stalks. This is just one of the many empty lots around town that may flourish with fresh produce if The Glades Green Market Group has its way.

Jessie Brinson

Police say Brinson is living in Belle Glade

Belle Glade Police want citizens to be aware there is a registered sexual predator living in town. Jessie Brinson, 28, has moved back to the area after being released from jail.

Brinson was convicted of raping two Belle Glade minors on separate occasions in 1996. Police say he knew the girls and used a weapon and intimidation to subdue his victims. They say Brinson used a condom and forced the young girls to remain silent during the attack. Lt. Albert Dowdell said this is the first sexual predator registered with the city since the Sexual Predator law went into effect last year.

"Every time we get a sexual predator in town we're going to make the community aware," said Lt. Dowdell. "People need to know if someone like this is living in their neighborhood."

Brinson is required to notify police before moving to another area. He currently lists his address as 644 S.W. 6th Street, Apartment 2, Belle Glade.

Come meet the new CEO

The public is invited to attend an open house for the new chief executive officer of Glades General Hospital, Gene Faile.

The open house will be held tonight, May 29, in the lobby of the hospital from 5 to 7 p.m.

Luncheon to be held

Up to 100 residents can attend a luncheon to introduce the cuisine of a new chef in the area. Chef David Walczak will be cooking a chicken salad luncheon on Thursday, June 12 at the old Glades Central Community High School. Two seatings are available, one from noon to 1 p.m. and another from 1 to 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 and must be purchased in advance. Call Kathryn or Norma at Glades Community Development Corporation, 992-9500 for more information.

Board sets meeting date

The Glades Management Board, a board dealing with health care issues in the Glades, will hold a public meeting to conduct regular business on Thursday, June 12 at 6 p.m. at South Bay City Hall.

City Hall is located at 335 SW 2nd Avenue in South Bay.

New Adult Education hours at Glades Central High School

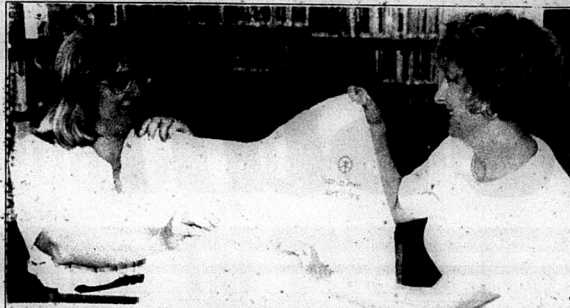
The following are new summer hours for Glades Central's adult education program effective June 2, 1997.

Tickets for Speakers of Other Languages 5:30-8:30 p.m.
GED Preparation/Adult Basic Education 4:30-8:30 p.m.

The high school credit class will continue to meet 4:00-8:00 p.m. All classes will continue to meet Mondays through Thursdays throughout the summer.

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SHIRTS FOR BOOKS... Participants in the Belle Glade Municipal Library's Children's Reading Program will receive t-shirts this summer if they read a minimum of 25 books, courtesy of Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida. Children's Librarian Elaine Minor (L) and SOGC Media Relations Director Barbara Miedema look at the shirts as Miedema presents a check which will help pay for the program.



Belle Glade Garden Club presented proclamation...Lorraine Brown with the Belle Glade Garden Club accepts a proclamation for Mayor Stephen Weeks in honor of National Garden Club Week, June 1-7



"An investment in our children is an investment in our future," says Judy Sanchez, director of corporate communications for U.S. Sugar Corp. Mrs. Sanchez (R) is shown with Belle Glade Children's Librarian Elaine Minor after presenting a check to help with t-shirts for the Children's Reading Program.



Meet the Vals and Sal...Glades Day School held awards ceremonies last Friday evening in Tripp Hall and introduced the 1997 Valedictorians and Salutatorian. Shown, from left are Jackie Alvarez, co-valedictorian and recipient of the Christy Jones Memorial Scholarship for \$500; Tamara Barhoush, co-valedictorian, Headmaster Buddy Sizemore, Miriam Barhoush, co-valedictorian, and Mickey Stevens, salutatorian.

Bereavement Support Group starting at ERM

A Bereavement Support Group will be starting at Everglades Regional Medical Center, 200 South Barfield Highway, Pahokee.

The group is open to anyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one. It will be a place to share with others and offer mutual support. The first meeting will be Tuesday, June 10, at 7 p.m. and meet weekly thereafter. The group will meet in conference Room B on the second floor. The meetings are free and open to the public. You are not alone. Please come join us.

For more information contact Sandy Choate at Everglades Regional Medical Center, 924-5201, extension 5140.

Health Department investigating cyclosporia outbreak

The Palm Beach County Health Department is investigating a possible cluster of cases of cyclosporiasis, a diarrheal illness caused by a parasite. This cluster may be related to eating at Sforza restaurant April 10, 1997. Three patrons who ate there on that date subsequently became ill with this infection.

To assist in the investigation, we would appreciate it if people who ate at the restaurant on April 10, 1997, would call the Health Department at 840-4566 WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE ILL so we can ask about symptoms and types of food eaten.

We want to stress that the illnesses are NOT related to hygienic practices at the restaurant. Past outbreaks at other restaurants and catered events have been traced to products served raw that were contaminated before they arrived at the restaurant. The main purpose of the investigation is to determine if there is a cluster of illnesses that can be traced to a specific shipment of a particular food item. We have no evidence that transmission is continuing or that people who ate at the restaurant on other days are ill. People who ate at the restaurant on April 10 and did not become ill have passed the risk period for illness and are in no danger of becoming ill from that meal.

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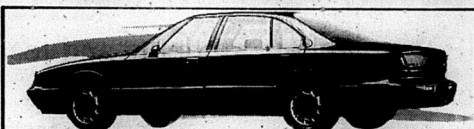


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Letters to the editor

Dear Editor:

This is an open letter to the mother of one young man named Ricky Bennett...

Thank you so much for raising your son to be a concerned, compassionate, caring individual. I am sure you know this, but I want to publicly commend you both, and thank him for coming to my aid.

I was recently stranded on State Road 80 due to transmission problems with my car. I was headed to West Palm to the dealership to have it checked out when it simply died, and almost caused me to wreck. I was a bit shaken and somewhat angry, but most of all stranded...half way between Belle Glade and West Palm.

It was the middle of the afternoon and many cars passed me going both directions. I stood there with my hood up and looking somewhat perplexed for over an hour. Not one car even slowed down to question my predicament until your son came along. He was on his way home from work and actually turned around to come check on me. His pleasant demeanor and kindness sure made my day.

He took me to Belle Glade, directly to my sister's house, and would take no payment for his kindness. It was only after my car had been towed and I was explaining the events to a member of my church that I learned of the ordeal you and your son had been through. I was deeply touched that your son had the drive to help a fellow man in distress, especially since he had been in such distress himself.

I was treated to a glimpse of his photographic talents. God blessed this man with an eye for beauty and the ability to capture it on film. If anyone needs a good photographer, he is your man.

This letter is not coming out very well. How do you convey emotions easily in text? I merely wanted you to know what a wonderful young man you have raised. Thank you for doing so, and thank you Ricky for being what so many of us have forgotten to be.

God bless you.

Larry Wright
Pahokee

P.S. If anyone out there has an extra ticket to an F.S.U. football game, Ricky told me how much he has wanted to go. Take him along.

Dear Editor:

As you are aware the Coalition for Children has expanded to Belle Glade and Pahokee. With the consent and authorization of the Palm Beach County School Board we will bring our programs for children to these communities.

We have had an ongoing program wherein we have provided musical instruments and musical instruction to the children of our communities.

This program has been highly successful, in fact, one of our children has outstanding talent on the violin.

The instruments we have were donated and repaired by the Coalition for Children and are given, without charge, to the children selected for the program for a period of one year. At the expiration of the year the selected child is evaluated.

We have received a grant to further this program, however, the well of donated instruments has run dry.

Please let your readers know this information: The Coalition for Children, now serving Royal Palm Beach, Wellington, Loxahatchee, The Acreage, Belle Glade and Pahokee, is providing musical instruments and music lessons on a need basis to the student of these communities.

If you have a musical instrument which is not being utilized please lend same to the Coalition for the use of our children. The instrument will be repaired at our expense, and provided to a child at no cost, along with musical lessons. At the end of a given year, the musical instrument will be returned to the donor or continue to be used by a deserving child for an additional year.

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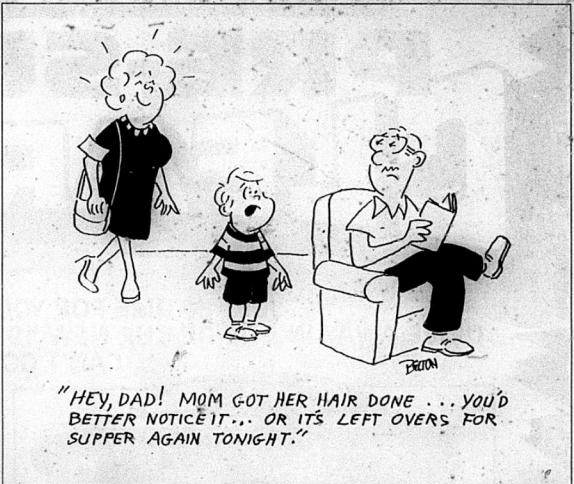
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Consumers have favorable opinions of Florida agriculture

Floridians consider Florida farmers and ranchers to be major contributors to the economy, conscious of the environment, credible and dedicated to providing a safe food supply.

A study conducted by University of South Florida researchers in April for the Agriculture Institute of Florida and *Citrus and Vegetable Magazine* showed that 89 percent of respondents have a "very favorable" or "somewhat favorable" opinion of Florida agriculture. Only 11 percent had a "somewhat unfavorable" or "very unfavorable" opinion.

"It is great for those of us in agriculture to hear that our hard work is paying off and that it is recognized and appreciated by the public," said Ron O'Connor, vice president of marketing for Farm Credit of Central Florida and president of the Agriculture Institute of Florida. "We are pleased that the public understands that Florida's farmers and ranchers dedicate themselves to maintaining a safe food supply and taking care of the environment."

Fresh fruits and vegetables produced in the Sunshine state received high marks from those responding to the survey. Variety, quality and taste were factors that contribute to favorable opinion of Florida's fruits and vegetables. A Majority of respondents were also aware of and pleased with the

fact that Florida farms discharge cleaner water than previously, have reduced their use of pesticides and that they use only chemicals registered by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Many of the respondents agreed that the Florida economy gets a boost from agriculture. In fact, 98 percent felt that agriculture is important to the economy. Florida is the nation's ninth leading agricultural state, with annual farm cash receipts totaling nearly \$5 billion. It also provides for employment for more than 80,000 people a month and generates more than \$18 billion in farm-related economic activity.

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UF Researcher: Students and teachers benefit from longer relationship

By Cathy Keen
University of Florida News

Middle schools where students stay with the same teachers for two or three years at a time foster better learning and even better discipline, a University of Florida study shows.

What's more, most middle schools follow the high school pattern of academic musical chairs, with middle school kids having upwards of 50 different teachers in a typical three-to-four-year span, said Paul George, a UF educational leadership professor who did the research.

In a study of 33 middle schools nationwide where students remained with the same teachers for two to three years, George found that students and teachers preferred their longer-lasting bonds.

"Long-term relationships with students lead teachers to greater levels of caring for those students and to an increased willingness to invest more time and effort in their education," he said.

Ninety-five percent of the 105 teachers surveyed at those schools said the longer-term relationship made them more aware of their students' personal lives, and 84 percent said it made them care more about each one as a person, he said.

Likewise, 71 percent of the 1,100 students George surveyed said they liked staying with the same teachers for more than one year.

But it is not unusual for a middle school student to be assigned to more than a dozen teachers in a school year, so that over the course of three or four years they have classes with as many as 50 different teachers and hundreds, if not thousands, of students, he said.

"Organized and run like smaller versions of high schools, traditional junior high schools and many contemporary middle schools may make students feel lost and even alienated in a setting that is so different from the elementary schools they are accustomed to," George said. "Students and teachers hardly know each other. It's not the one-room schoolhouse anymore. Combined with the pace of change in other areas of their personal and family lives, many of these students are involved in a high-speed version of 'musical chairs,' in their relationships."

Middle school students undergo profound emotional and physical changes and may experience disarray at home and elsewhere in today's fast-paced society, he said.

"It's a reflection of this instability in students' lives that they need more stability at school," he said. "We're beginning to understand the need for more personal approaches to learning instead of treating schools like factories. In a sense, it's validated by practices in Japanese education and industry. The Japanese have always understood the power of long-term relationships. Everything in their society is based on connection and trust."

Eighty-nine percent of the teachers said they believed steady relationships helped them better manage student behavior in their classes, and 84 percent reported improvements in discipline. Teachers especially were enormously positive about staying with the same kids from year to year, George said. "Perhaps the devil you know is better than the devil you don't know." Sometimes middle school kids can be devilish.

Nearly two-thirds of the 586 parents surveyed (64 percent) believed staying with the same teacher for more than one year had helped their children succeed academically, and 61 percent said they preferred such an arrangement for their children.

The small group of parents with serious reservations seemed to have children who might be described as "high ability" and "high achieving," George said. They feared their children would be academically stymied during the second or third year as a member of a long-term team, he said.

"Some parents probably don't realize that today's students lack the opportunities for close, interpersonal connections that they themselves had, when they went to church with their teachers, saw them at the bowling alley or ran into them at the grocery store," George said. "Now many teachers don't even live in the communities they teach in. They live on one side of town, but teach in another, particularly in the case of poor neighborhoods."

Inner-city students aren't the only ones to benefit from extended relationships with their teachers.

"They're also popular in suburban schools," George said. "In highly affluent communities, daddy may be away in Asia, mommy may be at a hospital charity event and the children are being raised by au pairs and governesses. Sometimes they need close connections just as badly."



AMERICAN RED CROSS HONORS YEARS OF SERVICE VOLUNTEERS...A local Belle Glade family was honored for their years of service to the American Red Cross at a cocktail reception recently. Shown from left are Priscilla Flowers with the Red Cross and Belle Glade residents Vernon Dexter, Jeannette Dexter, Mike Fincannon and Emma Fincannon.

Belle Glade Police Dept. arrest blotter

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 662 complaints and worked 19 crime scenes the week of May 19-25. Those arrested included:

May 19 - Truth Miller, 19, failure to comply; **Latonya Hunter, 21**, throwing a deadly missile; **Nadine Lowe, 24**, throwing a deadly missile; **Everton Morgan, 40**, contempt of court.

May 20 - Roger Fountain, 19, possession of marijuana under 20 grams.

May 21 - Joe McGee, 31, grand theft, burglary; **Charlie**

Bryant, 32, retail theft; **Eddie B. Brown, 30**, unlawful sexual activity with a minor and child abuse by impregnation; **Charlie Bryant, 31**, burglary and petty theft; **John Frazier, 29**, burglary and petty theft.

May 22 - Frank Battle, 67, trespassing after warning; **Andreas Renteria, 27**, throwing a deadly missile into an occupied vehicle.

May 23 - Juvenile, 11, failure to appear; **James Minus, 34**, two counts of failure to appear; **Diana Smith, 19**, opposing and obstructing by fleeing; **John Pettifere, 43**, domestic

battery; **Linda Kellman, 35**, strong arm robbery.

May 24 - No arrests made.

May 25 - Nieto Celio Filimon, 33, violation of probation; **Henry Singleton, 18**, grand theft auto.

The police news in this newspaper lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know. We will confirm the information and print it.

Crime Stoppers

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc., is asking citizens to help locate **Jean Wilson Lapointe**, who is wanted for violation of probation on charges of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon. Lapointe is 5'9" tall and weighs 140 pounds. His last known address 612 S.W. Sixth Street, Apt. 12, Belle Glade. He has black hair and brown eyes and his date of birth is

March 25, 1973. His Social Security Number is 593-25-3244. His last job was as a laborer.

His warrant was active as of May 20, 1997. If you know the whereabouts of **Jean Wilson Lapointe**, or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest.



Jean Wilson Lapointe

Pahokee Police Dept. arrest blotter

The Pahokee Police Department made 9 arrests the week of May 19-25. Those arrested included:

May 19 - No arrests made.

May 20 - Juvenile, 19, strong arm robbery; **Juvenile, 10**, strong arm robbery; **Juvenile, 12**, strong arm robbery.

May 21 - No arrests made.

May 22 - Armando Rodriguez, 18, miscellaneous warrant arrest; **Brenda Hill, 36**, burglary of a conveyance and petty theft; **David Graham, 38**, burglary of a conveyance and petty theft; **Robert Earl Goney, 33**, burglary of a conveyance and petty theft.

May 23 - George McClearse, 22, possession of marijuana over 20 grams, possession of

marijuana with intent to sell and felony warrant.

May 24 - Blenda L. Diamond, 34, aggravated domestic assault with a weapon and criminal mischief; **Olivia McClain, 41**, simple battery; **Joann Walker, 39**, simple battery and resisting arrest without violence.

May 25 - Juvenile, 17, warrant issued for grand theft auto.



OUTGOING PATCH CHAIRMAN-HONORED...Vice President of PATCH (Planned Approach to Community Health) Elizabeth Hernandez, (L) presented a plaque to outgoing PATCH President Sandra Chamblée on May 20 for "her untiring efforts for Glades PATCH as well as her many years of dedicated leadership and service to rural under served people in the Glades community."

June GED date changed

The June GED (General Education Diploma) testing date has been changed to June 17, 18 and 19, 1997. The test will be given at 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Adults should register in the Community School office before 5:00 p.m. on June 16, 1997. The cost of the test is \$25.

For more information, please contact the Community School office at 933-4404.

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Farmers receive good reviews.... Continued from Page 4.

"Farmers and ranchers enjoy high credibility among their fellow citizens," said Rod Hemphill, manager of media relations for the Florida Farm Bureau and a past president and board member of the Agriculture Institute of Florida.

"Agriculturalists ranked number one, compared with the other groups listed in the survey." Respondents ranked the other groups as follows: police officers (2), environmental activists (3), journalists (4), government representatives (5) and lawyers (6).

Opinions and behaviors tended to differ by gender and age. For instance, the age group of 18 to 31 year olds was less concerned with the country of origin of fresh fruits and vegetables than older groups. Younger people were also more

likely to buy what they wanted from the grocery store than to shop for prices.

Women, the primary shoppers in many households, voiced the concern that the loss of farmland, or concerns about the environment of food safety, might lead to higher prices or food shortages.

The older groups, consisting of people from 51 years old and up, were more likely to be aware of media reports about food safety. They also found farmers much more credible than did the other age groups.

The survey of 380 Florida residents was conducted on behalf of the Agriculture Institute of Florida, in cooperation with Citrus and Vegetable Magazine, by Dr. Larry Leslie and Dr. Randy Miller of the University of South Florida.

Respondents were questioned by telephone on April 5 and 12, 1997.

The survey results have a margin of error of 5 percent. Complete survey results and analysis will be published in the July issue of *Citrus and Vegetable Magazine*.

The Agriculture Institute of Florida is a non-profit corporation dedicated to enhancing public understanding and appreciation of Florida agriculture through communications. It receives its financial support from its members, who are engaged in production agriculture or in industries that support production agriculture. The Institute's board of directors is made up of public relations and marketing professionals drawn from the state's agricultural organizations.

Foley votes "yes" on Bipartisan plan to balance federal budget

Rep. Mark Foley, R-FL, voted May 21 in favor of the FY 1998 budget resolution, saying "my vote for the first bipartisan balanced budget in 30 years was a vote for smaller government, lower spending, lower taxes, a solvent Medicare system, and a balanced budget - all in one plan."

Under this plan, by 2002 and for the first time since 1974, all government spending will drop below 20 percent of the size of the nation's economy. "For the first time in 16 years families will enjoy tax relief,

\$250 billion in permanent tax relief over the next 10 years," Rep. Foley said. "The bipartisan balanced budget plan also saves Medicare from bankruptcy, extending the solvency of the Medicare Part A Trust Fund for 10 years and providing more choices for America's seniors. It enacts real Medicare reforms that saves \$115 billion over 5 years, while still allowing overall spending growth, from \$209 billion in 1997 to \$280 billion in 2002, with per beneficiary spending increasing from \$5,480 in 1997 to

\$6,911 in 2002.

"This budget represents a big win for the American people. They'll be able to keep more of their hard-earned money to save, invest, send their children to college, or spend any way they see fit; they'll be able to more easily afford homes, cars and student loans due to lower interest rates, and they will benefit from more and better jobs thanks to a stronger economy," Rep. Foley stated. "The only big loser is the big government status quo."

Free Palm Tran Bus passes available for Glades Central Adult Education students

Free monthly bus passes are available for Glades Central Adult Education students who need transportation to school but cannot afford to purchase the passes. As a condition to receiving the free passes, students must be in attendance 75 percent of the time. The passes can also be used for all other Palm Tran Buses. The passes will be purchased through the Full Service Schools Grant. For more information, please call 993-4404.

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LaWanda C. Everett graduates from FAMU



LaWanda C. Everett, daughter of Joel and Robbi Everett of Pahokee, graduated April 26, 1997 from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University in Tallahassee, Florida.

LaWanda received her degree in Industrial engineering and minored in mathematics.

She is a 1991 graduate of Pahokee High School.

Obituaries

Ina Russom Sears, 65, of Okeechobee passed away May 15, 1997 after being involved in a tragic car accident in Okeechobee. Ina and her husband, Bob, had recently moved from Pahokee to Okeechobee. Ina was born on February 26, 1932 in Pahokee, FL.

She leaves to cherish her memories; her husband, Bob Sears; sons, Bobby, Danny, Lesley, and Reggie; twin sister, Nina Shirley; nieces, Glenda Faye Reeder and Janetta Hardin; brother, Curtis Russom; plus her grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Ina was preceded in death by her parents Curtis and Grace Russom, her sister, Etta and brother, Johnny.

Ina will be missed greatly by friends and family.

Funeral services were held May 19, 1997 at the Church of the Nazarene in Pahokee.

Arrangements were handled by All County Cremation Service in Lake Worth.

Eugene L. Bradow, 56, of Belle Glade died Wednesday, May 21, 1997 at his residence in Belle Glade. He was born in West Palm Beach and worked in Marine Parts as a manager.

Mr. Bradow is survived by his son - Burt Bradow of Port St. Lucie; daughters - Angie Clark of Houston, TX; Beth Caraballo of Stuart; sister - Joyce Bucher of Belle Glade.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, May 27 at New Hope Baptist Church in Wauchula, FL with interment following at New Hope Cemetery in Wauchula, Florida.

Arrangement were handled by Mixson Funeral Home.

Rachel McCrany Farmer, 87, of Port LaBelle, FL died Friday, May 23, 1997 at her residence. Rachel was born in Alabama and was a resident of Belle Glade until 1994 when she moved to Port LaBelle.

Survivors include: daughters - Judy F. Brumback and Frankie Burke of LaBelle, FL and C. Rosalyn Farmer, son - Bobby Farmer of Columbia, SC; sisters - Nannie Gamble of Dothan, AL, Emma Pybus of Panama City, FL, and Johnnie Mae Tate of Columbus, GA; 8 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held graveside on May 26 with Rev. C.W. Hamill, Jr. officiating. Interment was at Port Mayaca Cemetery.

Happy Birth Day Little TNT!



LITTLE TNT!—Troy Nicholas Tyler was born on April 30, 1997 to Troy and Renee Tyler. He was born at Everglades Regional Medical Center in Pahokee at 3:33 p.m. and weighed 7 lbs., 5 oz. and was 19 inches long.

Maternal grandparent is Bette Dickman of Jupiter, Florida and paternal grandparent is Ann Tyler of Belle Glade.

Robert Albert Levans, 26, of Belle Glade died Sunday, May 25, 1997 at Glades General Hospital in Belle Glade. Mr. Levans was born in Fayetteville, North Carolina and had worked in the construction business.

Robert is survived by his wife, Brenda Levans of Belle Glade; daughters - Loraine Nicole Levans and Amber Medina Levans and stepdaughter, Samantha Fox of Charlottesville, Virginia; mother, Alice Faye Murphy Brandenburg and stepfather - Larry Brandenburg of Clewiston; father - Robert A. Levans, Sr. and stepmother, Penny Levans of Scottsville, Virginia; brother - Richard M. Levans of Quantico, VA; sister - Marylynn A. Levans of Scottsville, VA; maternal grandmother - Susie Wade of Clewiston; paternal grandparents - Rufus and Betty Levans of Clewiston; and many aunts and uncles and other family members.

Friends may call at Mixson Funeral on Thursday May 29, 1997 from 1-3 p.m. with funeral services at 3 p.m. at St. Pukers Lutheran Church in Belle Glade.

Interment will follow at Ridgeland Cemetery in Clewiston.

Arrangements were handled by Mixson Funeral Home.

Nu Kappa Sorority News

The Nu Kappa chapter of Beta Sigma Phi has been very active since the beginning of the year. In January, they met in the home of Maria Morales where Black Gold fund raising plans began. Nora Ornelas hosted the February meetings where we celebrated Valentine's Day.

The March meeting was hosted by Lily Rodriguez, where all the sisters met and then traveled to the home of Susan and Lomax Harrelle to be with our sister, Susan, during a very difficult time.

Plans were finalized for our Black Gold booth fundraiser at the home of Lynette Wiseman, our April hostess.

Our Girl of the Year for 1997 was announced at the Founders Day Luncheon.

The Girl of the Year for 1997 is Julie Zambory. The year end meeting was held at the home of Susan Harrelle where we elected officers for the 1997-1998 sorority year.

President - Julie Zambory
Vice President - Becky White

Recording Secretary - Betty Hodges
Treasurer - Elizabeth Harrington

Corresponding Secretary - Marsha Smith

Extension Officer - Nora Ornelas

Some of the members then enjoyed dining together at Jalapeno Harry's in Wellington. Those members and guests present were Mr. & Mrs. Dan Herring, Mr. & Mrs. Tom Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Hodges, Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Zambory, and Mr. & Mrs. Rhied White.



XI MU ZETA.—(standing L to R) Laurel Tarr, Sara Phillips, Barbara Meroney, Judy McMillan, Laverne Motes, Pat McKee, and Janice Goforth. (seated L to R) Gloria Swager, Karen Corbin, Merelyne Cochran, Jane Evans, Greadle Yur, Linda McMillan, and Florence Acree.

Xi Zeta Mu Sorority News

Xi Zeta Mu hosted the 66th Anniversary of Founders day and Beta Sigma Phi on Saturday, April 26 at the Drawbridge Cafe. Seven Sororities were present including Xi Zeta Mu, Xi Upsilon, Xi Kappa, Xi Iota Alpha, Laureate Gamma Zeta from Belle Glade, Xi Alpha Mu and Xi Beta Tau from Pahokee attended also. Approximately 70 sorority sisters were present for the celebration.

The chapters were welcomed by Xi Zeta Mu President, Judy McMillan with special recognition given to the Girls of the Year, who were Jeanne Woodard - Mu Upsilon, Julie Zambory - Xi Kappa, Vera Robinson - Xi Iota Alpha, Helen Aspey - Laureate Gamma Zeta, Greadle Yur - Xi

Zeta Mu, Hilda Wilkinson and Eva Spooner - Xi Alpha Mu, and Amy Schenck - Xi Beta Tau. Chapter Highlights for the year were given by each chapter with the Theme for the Celebration being "Reflections of Love."

A lovely luncheon was served and many door prizes given and a great time was had by all.

Xi Zeta Mu held their May 19th meeting at the home of Greadle Yur with Sara Phillips as Co-Hostess. The theme for the evening was "Hawaiian Luau." Along with everyone dressing for the occasion, a lovely Hawaiian Luau buffet was served with each lady receiving a Hawaiian Lei.

Laverne Motes had the pro-

gram for the evening, an interesting report was given on the Hawaiian Islands.

Jane Evans was issued a citation for "impersonating someone much younger" by police officer, Curtis Stambaugh. Each member presented Jane with a piece of fruit indicating the reason for the fruit and their love for her.

Sandra Chumblee was the installing officer for the new Executive Board for 1998. The officers for the new year are as follows: Janice Goforth - President, Sandra Chumblee - Vice President, Karen Corbin - Recording Secretary, Linda McMillan - Corresponding Secretary, Laura Mae Ingfer - Treasurer, Pat McKee, Extension Officer. Jane Evans was re-elected the chapter sponsor for her 32nd year.

Janice Goforth won the gift raffle.

Others in attendance were Florence Acree, Merelyne Cochran, Judy McMillan, Barbara Meroney, Gloria Swager and Laurel Tarr.



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APOSTOLIC CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
1111 W. Canal St.
Rev. J.P. Ford - Pastor
Sunday School - 10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship - 8:00 A.M.
Evening Service - 7:00 P.M.
Wednesday - 7:00 P.M.

BELLE GLADE ALLIANCE CHURCH
425 Canal St. North
Rev. Lloyd O. Green
Sunday School - 10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship - 8:00 A.M.
Evening Service - 7:00 P.M.
Wednesday - 7:00 P.M.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF BELLE GLADE
Rev. Robert Mann
Church Services - 11:00 A.M.
Evening Service - 7:00 P.M.
Wednesday - 7:00 P.M.

CHOSEN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
N.W. Ave. & D. Hwy. 1
Baptist District - Pastor
Sunday School - 10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship - 11:00 A.M.
Evening Worship - 7:00 P.M.
Prayer Meeting - 7:00 P.M.

CHURCH OF GOD
125 N.W. Ave. D
Sunday School - 10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship - 11:00 A.M.
Evening Worship - 7:00 P.M.
Bible Study - 7:00 P.M.

CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST NO. 1
725 N.W. St. C. Place
& E. Edwards - Pastor
Sunday School - 10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship - 11:00 A.M.
Evening Service - 7:00 P.M.
Wednesday - 7:00 P.M.

CHURCH OF GOD IN BELLE GLADE
Rev. Bart Brown
Sunday School - 10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship - 11:00 A.M.
Evening Service - 7:00 P.M.
Bible Study - 7:00 P.M.

CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY
Rev. J.P. Ford - Pastor
Sunday School - 10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship - 11:00 A.M.
Evening Service - 7:00 P.M.
Wednesday - 7:00 P.M.

CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST OF LATER DAY SAINTS GEORGETOWN
Rev. J.P. Ford - Pastor
Sunday School - 10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship - 11:00 A.M.
Evening Service - 7:00 P.M.
Wednesday - 7:00 P.M.

CHURCH OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST OF LATER DAY SAINTS
Rev. J.P. Ford - Pastor
Sunday School - 10:00 A.M.
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WORSHIP

COMMUNITY HOUSE OF PRAYER IN CHRIST
832 W. Ave. A
Rev. James C. Hester - Pastor
Sunday School - 10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship - 11:00 A.M.
Evening Service - 7:00 P.M.
Bible Study - Wednesday 8:00 P.M.
Bible Study - Friday 7:00 P.M.

COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
401 N.W. 1st St.
Rev. J.P. Ford - Pastor
Sunday School - 10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship - 11:00 A.M.
Evening Service - 7:00 P.M.
Bible Study - Wednesday 8:00 P.M.
Bible Study - Friday 7:00 P.M.

EL BETHEL EVANGELIST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
285 N.W. 1st St.
Loren Loft - Pastor
Sunday School - 10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship - 11:00 A.M.
Evening Service - 7:00 P.M.
Bible Study - Wednesday 8:00 P.M.
Bible Study - Friday 7:00 P.M.

EVERGLADE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1040 N. Main St.
Sunday School - 10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship - 11:00 A.M.
Evening Service - 7:00 P.M.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
17 N.W. Ave. B
Rev. Chris Weaver
Sunday School - 10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship - 11:00 A.M.
Evening Service - 7:00 P.M.
Bible Study - Wednesday 8:00 P.M.
Bible Study - Friday 7:00 P.M.

GREATER ST. PAUL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Elder Clarence Brown - Pastor
Sunday School - 10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship - 11:00 A.M.
Evening Service - 7:00 P.M.
Bible Study - Wednesday 8:00 P.M.
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HATTAN MISSION OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. J.P. Ford - Pastor
Sunday School - 10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship - 11:00 A.M.
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HOUSE OF GOD
715 N.W. St. C. Place
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KELSA OF GOD PENTECOSTAL
Rev. J.P. Ford - Pastor
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Morning Worship - 11:00 A.M.
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Bible Study - Wednesday 8:00 P.M.
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MIRACLE TIME MINISTRY
Rev. J.P. Ford - Pastor
Sunday School - 10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship - 11:00 A.M.
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REDAI BAPTIST CHURCH
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NEW BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH
1101 W. Ave. A
Rev. J.P. Ford - Pastor
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Morning Worship - 11:00 A.M.
Evening Service - 7:00 P.M.
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ST. JOHN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
800 S.W. 8th St.
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Morning Worship - 11:00 A.M.
Evening Service - 7:00 P.M.
Bible Study - Wednesday 8:00 P.M.
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SCHOOL NEWS & STUDENT INTEREST



THE GOVERNOR AND HIS ENTOURAGE... Governor and Mrs. Chiles are happy to lend a smile after Belle Glade Elementary's 4th grade safety patrol gave them a hand made quilt.

Fourth grade Safety Patrol students at Belle Glade Elementary meet with the Governor of Florida, Lawton Chiles

By Stephanie Schneider

Sun Reporter

Excitement mounted as students, teachers, and staff at Belle Glade Elementary waited patiently for the arrival of Governor and Mrs. Chiles. The nervousness seemed to disappear though when the governor and first lady entered the library, sat down and started talking to the students.

Glade View Elementary school is home to student art museum

By Stephanie Schneider

Sun Reporter

Myra Dale, Glade View Elementary's art teacher has turned a room at the school into an art museum with the help of student artists in every grade.

Students painted using tempera paints, made sculptures out of recyclable materials, painted self-portraits, and made various different projects based on the curriculum used in their everyday classroom work.

Panels were set up for each grade to display their artwork and the Art Club, an after-school program for chore, serious student artists claimed a table that held dinosaurs made of recyclable materials such as 2-liter soda bottles and paper towel rolls.

Ms. Dale commented, "I am so proud of the students and the hard work that it took to make this museum so great."

Pahokee's Haidy Rodriguez & Omar Rodriguez awarded scholarships



SCHOLARSHIP-RECIPIENTS... Pahokee's Haidy Rodriguez (front) and: (top, from left) Pahokee's Omar Rodriguez, Sarah Cournoyer and Scott Edwards.

Omar Rodriguez, a 1997 graduating senior from Pahokee High School was awarded the R. Bruce Jones Memorial Scholarship worth \$1,000 per year for 4 years.

Haidy Rodriguez, a Pahokee resident who attends Lake Worth High School received the Dan Smith Dairy Scholarship worth \$1,000.

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Graduates and dignitaries gather at 127th commencement exercises

WEST PALM BEACH - Lois Gackenhimer, executive director of the nonprofit Nurse Assistant Training School, Inc. in West Palm Beach, was the Mistress of Ceremonies at the School's 127th commencement exercises, held May 13, 1997 in the Morse Geriatric Center.

With lights dimmed, more than 30 relatives and guests looked on with pride as the graduates participated in a moving candle-lighting ceremony. As in all nursing and medical graduations, students pledged their vows of faithfulness to their professional code of ethics and each recited the CNA (certified nursing assistant) pledge and Graduates Code.

The 64 graduates are all high school students who have completed a rigorous, half-day, five day-a-week, eight-month, 39-hour, School-to-Work training program that qualifies them to take the State of Florida certification exam.

For the first time ever, a joint graduation united the graduates, instructors, high school principals, and assistant principals from Glades Central Community High School, Gold Coast Community School, Lake Worth High School, and School of Choice

(Pahokee). During the ceremonies, the principals from each of these high schools, Effie Grear, Margaret Campbell, David Cantley, and Antoine Russell, respectively, presented each stu-

5,000 residents per year. With an annual budget of \$3 million, the Workforce Development Board promotes work force training that is responsive to the needs and concerns of Palm Beach County employers and employees.

During his remarks, Dominicus said, "You have benefited from your own hard work, dedication and desire to succeed. That is something that no one can take away from you. But this is also a good time to reflect on what we achieve as a nation when we invest in our



(left to right) Jorge Dominicus, Lois Gackenhimer, Valedictorian Enosch Charles of Glades Central, Tim Snow, Cynthia Pino, Effie Grear

dent from their high school with their diploma from Nurse Assistant Training School, Inc.

Cynthia Pino, associate superintendent of the Palm Beach County School District and Jorge A. Dominicus, vice president of Corporate Relations for Flo-Sun, in his capacity as chair of the Palm Beach County Workforce Development Board, were both keynote speakers. The School-to-Work high school program, started in 1992, is made possible through the Workforce Development Board with federal Job Training Partnership Act funds.

The Workforce Development Board is a private, nonprofit organization which provides job training assistance to an estimated

greatest resource - our people." Delivering the commencement address, Associate Superintendent Pino declared, "This program is a model of what we can do for our youth. Your achievements are a result of the three P's - practice, patience, and persistence and our Palm Beach community will be a better place because of your efforts."

Valedictorians were chosen from each high school based on their overall commitment to nurse assistant excellence. Enosch Charles represented Glades Central Community High School, Debra Lassetter represented Gold Coast Community School, Nicole Boodoo represented Lake Worth High School, and Fiddie Hollis represented the School of Choice.



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SPORTS



FARM LEAGUE'S #1 TEAM FOR THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR...(front, left to right) Clarence Anthony, Andrew Bermudez, Tyler Summerford, Jacoby Canigan and James Towell. (middle, left to right) Brett Usher, Joseph Samara, Jesus Garza, Jr., George Baez, and Justin Garrett. (back, left to right) Coach Richard Freeman, Coach Kent Summerford, Coach Jackie Garrett

New Largemouth Bass license plates will help to save one of Lake Okeechobee's most precious resources

The Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission (GFC), at its May 9 meeting, honored Rep. Jerry Borroughs for sponsoring legislation to create the new largemouth bass license plate. Commissioners also plan to honor Rep. Randy Mackey (D-Lake City) and Sen. B. George Kirkpatrick (D-Gainesville) in

July. The bass license plate opened a new source of funding to the commission which faced a projected \$3 million revenue shortage. After Mackey sponsored the legislation to create the bass tag in 1994, Kirkpatrick and Borroughs continued to push for the new

tag and won legislative approval in 1995.

Bass tags cost \$27 above the price of standard license plates, and \$25 of that goes to the GFC's conservation programs. The commission expects bass tag sales to generate \$500,000 the first year and \$1 million per year after that.

Local football star, Reidel Anthony trades in his cleats for basketball shoes for charity fundraiser

By Stephanie Schneider
Sun Reporter

Local football hero, Reidel Anthony, will trade in the cleats that took him from being the Florida Gators superstar to being drafted for the N.F.L.'s Tampa Bay Bucs for a pair of basketball shoes to help raise money, along with other former University of Florida football players at Palm Beach Gardens High School Friday, May 30 at 7:30 p.m.

The Gators will play against the Palm Beach Gardens High School faculty with an autograph session following the game. The school is located at 4245 Holly Drive, Palm Beach Gardens.

Admission is just \$10 for adults, \$5 for children and \$5 for P.B.C. Gator Club Members.

Not only will Reidel be playing but so will Shane Matthews, Willie Jackson, Chris Doering, Eric Kresser and Kerwin Bell.



FARM LEAGUE'S 2ND PLACE TEAM...The Paint Store team consists of (front, left to right) Chris Rivera, Ivan Navarro, Chris Ocanas, Ismael Cenicerros and Eddie Ocanas. (back, left to right) Coach Ivan Wallace, Lee Gay, Juan Navarro, Scott Robinson, Husam Zayyad, Manuel Cenicerros, Coach Randy Gay. (back) Coach Ken Robinson. PHOTO COURTESY OF ED ROBINSON



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Macular Degeneration is the Leading Cause of Blindness Among the Elderly

What is macular degeneration?

Macular degeneration is a common eye disease associated with aging that causes the deterioration of the macula, the central area of the retina. The macula is the tiny central region of the retina made up of millions of light-sensing cells that help to produce central vision and provide maximum visual acuity. When the macula is damaged, a blind spot develops in the central field of vision, or central vision becomes blurred or distorted. Though side vision is usually retained, macular degeneration seriously threatens the quality of life of its victims, because central vision is needed to see clearly and perform everyday activities such as reading, writing, driving and recognizing people and things. Macular degeneration can affect one or both eyes, and has no known cause or cure.

How widespread is the disease?

Macular degeneration accounts for about one-third of all cases of legal blindness, making it the leading cause of blindness in Americans over age 65. It is responsible for about 1.7 million cases of visual impairment in the United States, by conservative estimates.

Are there different types of

macular degeneration?

There are two forms of this eye disease, "dry macular degeneration" and "wet macular degeneration." It is possible for a person to suffer from both forms, and it can affect one or both eyes. The disease can also progress slowly or rapidly.

Dry Macular Degeneration: This type of macular degeneration is the most common, affecting 90% of sufferers. This form of the disease is caused by the breakdown or thinning of the tissue in the macula. The loss of central vision occurs gradually over time. Scientists are still not sure what causes dry macular degeneration, and there is no treatment to stop the progression of this form of the disease.

Wet Macular Degeneration: Although only 10% of all people with macular degeneration have this type, it accounts for 90% of all blindness from the disease. Victims of wet macular degeneration experience a thickening of the membrane that supports the retina. This membrane then breaks, and new blood vessels grow rapidly through the breaks. These fragile blood vessels often break and bleed into the gap between the membrane and the damaged area of the retina. Meanwhile, a white scar tissue forms in this area. The macula itself then atrophies.

Wet macular degeneration destroys sight more quickly than the dry form, but if it is detected early, the leaking blood vessels can be sealed off with laser treatment.

What are the risk factors for macular degeneration?

Studies have shown that there are possible genetic and environmental factors which



What someone with macular degeneration may see.

may be considered risk factors for this eye disorder.

Age is the most important risk factor for macular degeneration. Although the disease can occur during middle age, studies show that people over age 65 are clearly at greater risk than other age groups. Those over age 75 have roughly a 30% chance of getting mac-

ular degeneration.

Family history of macular degeneration can raise risk of developing the disorder. Studies of twins indicate that if one identical twin has the disorder, the other is likely to have it (though twins per se are not pre-disposed to macular degeneration).

Heavy smoking increases

risk of macular degeneration. Two recent studies found that smoking at least a pack of cigarettes a day can make more than double a person's risk of developing the eye disease. Females tend to be at greater risk than males, according to some studies. Caucasians are much more likely to lose vision from macu-

lar degeneration than African Americans.

Elevated cholesterol may be linked to wet macular degeneration.

What are the symptoms of macular degeneration?

Neither wet nor dry macular degeneration "causes pain." The most common early sign of macular degeneration is blurred vision. As fewer cells in the macula are able to function, people will see details less clearly in front of them, such as faces or words in a book. If the loss of these light-sensing cells becomes great, a blind spot will begin to form and grow in the middle of the field of vision.

In the early stages of wet macular degeneration, straight lines may appear wavy or crooked. This happens because the fluid from the leaking blood vessels gathers and lifts the macula, distorting vision. A small blind spot may also appear in wet macular degeneration.

If you notice any of these changes in your vision, contact your eye care professional at once for an eye exam.

How is macular degeneration diagnosed?

To check for damage that is characteristic of macular degeneration, your eye doctor will dilate your pupils using eye drops to get a better view

of the back of the eye, where the retina is located. The presence of drusen, tiny yellow deposits in the retina is a common early sign of macular degeneration.

Your doctor may also use an Amsler grid to diagnose macular degeneration. You will look at the grid with one eye covered and stare at the black dot at the center of the grid. If the lines on the grid look wavy or distorted, or are missing, it may be a sign of macular degeneration.

If your doctor suspects that you have wet macular degeneration, you may need to have a test called fluorescein angiography. A special dye is injected into a vein in your arm, and then it flows to the blood vessels in the eye. Photographs are taken of the retina, and the dye identifies any problems in the blood vessels and allows your doctor to determine if they can be treated.

There are groups and agencies that offer information about counseling, training, and other special services for people with macular degeneration. Call Macular Degeneration Research, a program of the American Health Assistance Foundation, at 1-800-437-2423 for more information.

Bradford Moss, M.D. Joins Palm Beach Urology

Edward Becker, MD and Rafael Lopez, MD, principals of Palm Beach Urology Associates, are pleased to announce that Bradford Moss, MD, FACS of Royal Palm Beach has joined their practice. Dr. Moss grew up in West Palm Beach, where he attended Forest Hill High School. He is a graduate of Tulane University and the University of Miami Medical School.

Following his internship at Akron General Medical Center, Dr. Moss completed a urology residency at Northern Ohio University College of Medicine and achieved board certification in adult and pediatric urology in 1991. He then spent several years as a partner in a successful South Carolina urology practice before returning to West Palm Beach. Most recently, Dr. Moss was affiliated with the West Palm Beach Veterans Administration Hospital as a full time urologist.

Dr. Moss is trained in adult and pediatric urology and treats a variety of conditions, including incontinence, impotence, urinary tract infections, prostatic disorders, prostate cancer and kidney stones. "I sincerely believe that successful communication between the physician and the patient is extremely important," says Dr. Moss. "Patients need to feel comfortable with their doctors, and to know

that the doctor is listening to what they say. By paying attention to what our patients tell us, we can do a better job of managing their healthcare."

Palm Beach Urology Associates has four locations serving Palm Beach and

Hendry counties. Their offices are located in Wellington, Lake Worth, Belle Glade and Clewiston.

"We're pleased to welcome Dr. Moss," said Dr. Becker. "He is a respected professional who brings many years of experience and a reputation for providing compassionate patient care to our practice."



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CELEBRATING NATIONAL EMPLOYEE FITNESS DAY

On Wednesday, May 21, awards were given out at Glades General Hospital for their first ever "Fitness Fun Fest." Prize monies were donated by local businessmen Dale Morris of First-Community Bank, Joe Alderman of Glades Mercantile, Alvis Davis of Davis Construction Co. and Bernie Walker of State Farm Insurance. Pictured are: (l-r) Karen Schutzer, Director of Cardiac Rehab & Wellness, \$50 second place winner Berinda Burrell and \$100 first place winner Angela Babb. Geraldine Bailey, the \$25 third place winner, works the night shift and was unavailable for the photograph.

Specialized Pediatric Care Now Locally Available

The Children's Medical Services program was created to coordinate, improve and administer medical care programs for eligible children who have any condition which may hinder normal growth and development.

Prior to the program's establishment at Family Care Center at 125 North Main Street in Belle Glade, the closest facility was at a state operated independent location on the campus of St. Mary's Hospital in West Palm Beach. Glades area children who were eligible for the pediatric spe-

cialists program could not take advantage of the special care locally.

The Belle Glade program is the result of the cooperative efforts of the board of Everglades Regional Medical Center, Dr. Philip Colaizzo, Medical Director at Family Care Center; Dr. Jamie Lambrecht, Medical Director of the program; and Dr. Jean Malecki, Palm Beach County Public Health Director.

For more information, you can contact CMS at 561-881-5040.



MEMBERS OF CMS STAFF seeing patients at Family Care Center are: (front, l-r) Mary Ann Loftis, RN, CMS Nursing Supervisor and Mary Harvitt, RN, Belle Glade CMS; (back, l-r) Barbara Rivers, RN; Jane Dahlmeier, RN; Dr. Martinez, Pediatric Neurologist; Junita Jones, Financial Counselor; Janet Lore, Epilepsy Services and Lori Barger, RN, Nurse Specialist.

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Pahokee Housing Authority honors family self sufficiency participant

"I am saving for a new home," Angela Jackson, a single parent with two daughters, was presented with a certificate for outstanding achievement in the Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) program. Ms. Jackson is the first Section 8 participant in the Glades area to successfully complete one year in the program. The certificate was presented by Julia Hale, Executive Director of the Pahokee Housing Authority.

The FSS program, previously called "Project Self Sufficiency," was first created by the Department of Housing and Urban Development in 1983, as a demonstration program. It was designed to encourage communities to effectively coordinate resources to help very low income families move into the economic mainstream. The program later became mandatory for all housing authorities receiving new funding under

Section 8 Rental Assistance Program.

Palm Beach County, Boca Raton, and Pahokee Housing Authorities, recognizing the need to provide comprehensive services that would enable low income families to become socially and economically independent, collaborated to implement an FSS program. The theme of FSS is "To empower people to take control of their lives by becoming independent, productive members of their communities."

Angela said she heard about the FSS program at the Pahokee Housing Authorities, where she works as a Housing Quality Standards Inspector. While coping with the responsibilities of working full time and being a single parent, she is presently attending West Tech during the evening, studying home maintenance. She said the training will help improve her skills and provide

opportunities for advancement.

"I am saving for a new home," said Angela. "I am able to save money by way of an escrow account established on my behalf by FSS."

The Pahokee Housing Authorities has recently formed an Advisory Committee to promote the FSS program in the Glades area. This committee includes area administrators Eddie Rhodes, John Asbury, Diane Walker, Alberta Brown, and local ministers Patricia S. Wallace, John H. Barrett, and Leon Campbell. Ms. Kay Payne (WPB), serves as FSS Program Coordinator for participating Housing Authorities.

If you are a Section 8 Certificate holder and would like to achieve homeownership, or other individual goals, you may contact the Pahokee Housing Authority for more information.

CERTIFIED NURSE ASSISTANT...

Fiddie Hollis from School of Choice smiles after receiving her certificate. (L to R) Jorge Domincis, chairman of Palm Beach County Workforce Development Board; Lois Gackenhimer, executive director; valedictorian Fiddie Hollis, Tim Snow, president, George Snow Scholarship Fund; associate superintendent Cynthia Pino and School of Choice principal, Antoine Russell.



CERTIFIED NURSE ASSISTANT...

Aubrey Williams from School of Choice smiles after receiving her scholarship. (L to R) Jorge Domincis, chairman of Palm Beach County Workforce Development Board; Lois Gackenhimer, executive director; scholarship winner Aubrey Williams, Tim Snow, president, George Snow Scholarship Fund; associate superintendent Cynthia Pino and School of Choice principal, Antoine Russell.

CERTIFIED NURSE ASSISTANT...

Shameka Vickers from Glades Central Community High School smiles after receiving her scholarship. (L to R) Jorge Domincis, chairman of Palm Beach County Workforce Development Board; Lois Gackenhimer, executive director; scholarship winner Shameka Vickers, Tim Snow, president, George Snow Scholarship Fund; associate superintendent Cynthia Pino and School of Choice principal, Antoine Russell.



MAY DAY CELEBRATION...Students and staff from six area head start programs joined the South Bay Head Start May 23 to celebrate and participate in the May Day program.

Mrs. Georgia's Catfish House promises the very best in fresh local seafood

Mrs. Georgia's Catfish House (formerly Pam's Seafood) in Pahokee opened their doors for the first time under their new name for breakfast May 27, 1997 at 5:30 a.m.

Located at 2812 E. Main Street (where Subway Sandwiches was previously located), this restaurant will be specializing in fresh, local seafood.

The restaurant is owned and operated by Georgia and Jimmy Jones of Canal Point who have been in the business of serving seafood to the Glades since 1988. They owned and operated two seafood restaurants

and fish markets. Pam's Seafood was located at 149 South Lake Avenue in Pahokee and Jones' Fish Market was located in Canal Point.

Mrs. Georgia's will have a hot, buffet bar that will be served cafeteria style so as not to contaminate the food and will be served at breakfast and lunch and will be open for dinner also.

"We will specialize in catfish & hushpuppies and other local seafood that comes from the lake," said Mrs. Georgia. "It promises to be good," she added.



MRS. GEORGIA AND HER STAFF...Will be ready to welcome customers to the new and improved seafood restaurant located at 2812 East Main Street in Pahokee. (left to right) Fro Fountain, Kathy Stone, Mrs. Georgia, Heather Feltner, Tammy Vickers, and Lasonda Jones.

THE FRENCH CLASS AT GLADES CENTRAL WENT OUT TO LUNCH...

(photo left) On April 24, Glades Central's French class enjoyed lunch at Chez Moustache in West Palm Beach. They are pictures here outside the restaurant after finishing their meal.



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(NAPS)—He may not have meant to, but when Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan suggested Wall Street investors may have thrown caution to the wind in bidding up stock prices, he gave gold a big boost as an alternative investment, stock market analysts aver.

That may be one reason many portfolio managers say it makes sense for investors to have around five percent of their equity portfolio in gold mining stocks. Industry analysts advise investors to consider low-cost producers, in particular, these days. Investment strategists at Bunting Warburg, Inc. of Toronto, Canada cite Arauco Resources Corp. (TSE:ARU) as a good example.

The mining company's focus is currently on an advanced project located in Canada's Northwest Territories which is expected to contain at least two million ounces of gold.

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"Our analysis shows that Arauco shares are significantly undervalued, with a 12-month target representing a projected return of 100 percent," says analyst Paul Carmel (Bunting Warburg). For more information on this investment trend, see your broker or call Kerry J. Knull, vice president of corporate affairs, Arauco Resources Corp., Toronto, Ontario, Canada (416) 860-1583. E-Mail: info@araurco.com. Website: www.araurco.com.

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